had undertaken for the Railways during 1985-1988 is pending since long;

(b) whether steps have been taken to settle the dues of the said railway contractor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A contractor of Sahibganj by name Shri S. S. Ghosh has lodged claims with the Eastern Railway for works allegedly executed by him.

(b) to (d) The contractor was asked by the Eastern Railway to substantiate his claims, but the contractor has not done so.

Demands of CPWD Workers

1739. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 10th July, 1991 from CPWD Employees Workers' Union, Madras regarding various problems of Group C and D staff of CPWD regarding their pending settlement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to settle their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The main demand of this (unrecognised) union in the memorandum is for creation of posts of supporting staff for the newly opened offices, as a result of the first cadre review of Group 'A' Engineering services of the CPWD. A proposal for creation of posts of supporting staff had been taken up, a decision thereon had been deferred pending finalisation of revised workload norms by the SIU.

Memorandum submitted by Southern Construction Workers' Union, Cochin

1740. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 24th June, 1991 from Southern Railway Construction Workers' Union, Ernakulam, Cochin, addressed to the Executive Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam, regarding their strike notice dated the 1st March, 1991;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to settle them to avoid strike

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (See below)

(c) Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Ernakulam has already started conciliation proceedings, under the Industrial Disputes Act.

Statement

Demands

The demands made in the memorandum are given below in brief:

1. High rate of pay on re-engagement (Mr. K. G. Chandrasekharan Pillai and others—total 27).

2. 20 days of absence—revision of wages (Mr. P. BALAKRISHNAN and others—total 5).

3. Employees with 6 months continuous service—temporary status.
Difference of wages on C.P.C scale to be granted (Mr. A. C. Cheriyan and others—total 64).

4. Gangman disparity in wages (Mr. V. R. Balakrishnan and others —total 57).

5. Re-engaged employees—difference of wages to be granted to (Mr. G. Mohanan and others—total 30).

6. To be re-engaged with backwages —total 3).

7. Strike period 8-5-1974 wages (Mr. K. V. Rajan and others—total 21).

8. Medical unfit-period-backwages Mr. A. A. Raghavan and P. P. Poulose).

9. Appointment gratuity (Mr. C. K. Mathai and others—total 31).

10. Retirement gratuity (Mr. Achuthan Kutty and others—total 6).

11. Death gratuity (Mr. P. I. Bhaskaran and others—total 4).

12. Equal pay for the same work—difference of wages of Smt. P. M. Santha and others—total 24).

13. Difference of leave salary (Smt. V. D. Devaki only).

14. Difference gratuity (Smt. V. D. Devaki).

15. To grant pension on superannuation (V. D. Devaki and others—total 5).

16. Termination compensation (Mr. K. B. Mohandas).

17. C.P.C arrears yet to be paid (Mr. K. Kesavan).

18. Backwages on court order (Mr. K. Kesavan).

19. Temporary employee's appointment in the same category (Mr. N. X. Jacob and others—total 19).

20. Bonus not paid from 84—88 Smt. C. K. Bhanu).

21. Unauthorised retrenchment of a Scheduled Caste originally appointed on compassionate grounds to be revoked (Smt. T. V. Kallyani).

22. Smt. C. K. Bhanu, SC woman's re-engagement on duty and backwages.

23. Difference of wages of 4 Mapla Khalasis (Mr. T. Appukkuttan and 3 others).

24. Re-engagement backwages of three Khalasis (Mr. K. S. Madhavan and 2 others).

25. Re-engagement and backwages (Smt. V. C. Chandrike and 77 others).

26. To sanction temporary status to open Line employee on 4 months service Mr. T. K. Ramakutty, Carpenter.

27. Pay fixation of Robert D' Souza, Lascar of XEN's|C|E|ERS.

Drinking Water Supply in the Country

1741. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheher there are any separate agencies under the Central Government to look after the scarcity of drinking water in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The drinking water supply programme is coordinated at the Central level by the nodal Ministries, *viz.* the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Urban Development in respect of rural and urban water supply respectively for the purpose of policy formulation, technical guidance, development of trained menpower and in securing international cooperation and assistance. Under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Central assistance is provided to the State Governments by the Ministry of Rural Development for the provision of safe drinking water in problem villages. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide safe drinking water supply under the State sector including those areas facing scarcity of drinking water.

Complaint pending with CPWD Enquiry Aram Bagh

1742. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrical and civil complaints pending with K-Division, CPWD, Aram Bagh for the last two months; and